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## PATENT APPLICATION

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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## **RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed May 4, 2004,  
Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Figure 7, upon which Claims 1 and 7-11 read,  
with traverse.

Traversal is on the grounds that a search of the art for one group of claims will necessarily include a search of the art for the other group of claims. It is believed that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on the Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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